

### **Statement from a spokesperson for Adamstown Rosebud Tennis Club**

ARTC has been a male only club for approx 50 yrs. ARTC has also managed the facility on behalf of Newcastle Council for approx 50 yrs.

ARTC will be holding a Special General Meeting in the next few weeks to consider amending the Constitution to allow for female members.

Earlier this year ARTC adopted a recommendation from Ncle Council to remedy a possible breach of the Anti Discrimination Act because the discounted hire fee available only to members amounted to “indirect discrimination” under the Act. Council also advised at the time that being a gender specific sporting club was not, per se, a breach of the Act.

ARTC has itself funded almost 100% of the on going maintenance and capital improvements over the past 50 years. Including the cost of new synthetic courts, the re surfacing of those courts, a new club house and, in this year, the installation of new LED lighting at a cost of approx \$50k.

ARTC occupies the facility for approx 6 hours per week. Outside of these times the facility is available for hire by the community at large and is well patronised.